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A copy of each of the documents was cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in the parent application, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/744,706, filed January 30, 2001 which is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC § 120. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the documents are not being submitted herewith. If copies of such

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